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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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SIR:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002 for the above-identified application. A Petition to Extend Time for Four Months up to and including February 17, 2003, together with the required fee are enclosed. Please consider the following remarks.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently pending in this application and have been subject to restriction as follows:

> Claims 1-7 and 14-18, insofar as the claims are drawn to a method for diagnosis, wherein said method comprises detecting \$100-AG, and a kit